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NEWS RELEASE

**TOREADOR PROVIDES OPERATIONS UPDATE ON THE LA GARENNE  
CONVENTIONAL EXPLORATION WELL**

**Paris, France – (January 19, 2010)** – Toreador Resources Corporation (NASDAQ:TRGL) today provided an operations update on the La Garenne LGA-1D conventional exploration well, which is located on the 100% Toreador-owned 'Rigny le Ferron' permit in the Paris Basin in France.

Due to a delay in the arrival of the SMP N°2 rig owned by Société de Maintenance Pétrolière (SMP), the completion and production testing of the LGA-1D well is now expected to begin in the last week of January. As was communicated previously, the LGA-1D well was drilled in the fourth quarter of 2009; results confirmed a 5-meter reservoir within a 50-meter oil column in the target Dogger formation. Based on the Company's continued evaluation of the La Garenne LGA-1D well results, the Company believes that the well confirms a porous and hydrocarbon-bearing reservoir with a localized low-permeability area at the crest of the structure, which is a geologic feature seen in other fields in the basin.

For clarity, the Dogger formation contains a conventional reservoir and is unrelated to Toreador's Paris Basin shale oil assets.

Toreador President and CEO Craig McKenzie commented, "Given the previous results of the Flacy-1 and Flacy-2 wells drilled in the 1980s on the flank of the reservoir, combined with the LGA-1D well results, we estimate that the Dogger has at least 6 mmo of oil in place; however, recoverable reserves associated with this oil will be modeled and calculated as part of a development plan for La Garenne, which management intends to submit later this quarter for Toreador Board approval."

**ABOUT TOREADOR**

Toreador Resources Corporation is an independent international energy company engaged in the acquisition, development, exploration and production of crude oil. The company holds interests in developed and undeveloped oil properties in France. More information about Toreador may be found at the Company's web site, [www.toreador.net](http://www.toreador.net).

***Forward Looking Statements***

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